

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2000*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 95, on March 30, I was detained and unable to make this vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

## HONORING JACK BRADY

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2000*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, the House has lost a good friend. Jack Brady, who passed away last week, worked for the House Foreign Affairs Committee for 26 years, including 17 as chief of staff.

Jack's personality suffused every activity of the Foreign Affairs Committee, from markups and hearings to study missions abroad. A Committee Member could not walk into the hearing room without running into Jack, usually with a cigar in hand, running down the day's agenda. He earned great respect from Members and staff for his vision and indefatigable tenacity.

Mr. Speaker, it is no exaggeration to say that Jack Brady was essential to the operations of our Foreign Affairs Committee—now known as the International Relations Committee—from the drafting of legislation to the filling of the water pitchers. From 1976 to 1993, he was the personification of our Committee.

Jack was extraordinarily highly qualified for his job. He had a doctorate in international relations from the London School of Economics and a master's degree from Notre Dame. He was a combat veteran of World War II, having served as an enlisted soldier in Europe. He retired after 21 years of active duty in the U.S. Army as a Lt. Colonel. His awards and decorations included the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Mr. Speaker, Jack Brady was a man who took great pride in serving his country, which he did with distinction in a number of arenas. His service to this body was extraordinary, and I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring him and expressing our condolences to his family.

DEDICATION OF THE LATE JEREMIAH F. REGAN LIBRARY,  
OCEANPORT, NJ**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2000*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow evening, Tuesday, April 4, 2000, a most fitting tribute will be made in honor of a man whose passing, a little more than one year ago, is still acutely felt in our community. The Jeremiah F. Regan Library/Media Center will be dedicated in honor of the late Jeremiah F. Regan at the Maple Place School Library in Oceanport, NJ.

Given his decades-long devotion to educational excellence, and providing better opportunities for our young people to get access to an education, naming this facility in Mr. Regan's honor is indeed very appropriate, a well-deserved recognition.

Jerry Regan, a resident of Oceanport who passed away on March 9, 1999, was one of those rare people who could always be relied upon to be involved in a wide array of professional, community, political and religious activities. And yet, more importantly, Jerry always maintained as his top priority his devotion to his family and friends.

His involvement in education issues was both wide and deep. He served as New Jersey delegate to the National School Boards Association and represented school boards in New Jersey's Sixth Congressional District on the Federal Relations Network, a public school advocacy effort. He was a member of the Oceanport Board of Education, an adjunct professor at Monmouth College, and an active leader in the Monmouth County and New Jersey school boards associations. He was President of the Executive Board of the New Jersey School Boards Association from 1988 to 1990, and held other senior posts with the Association.

Jerry was also deeply involved in the political, religious and civic life of our community. He served as campaign director and controller for my predecessor, the late Representative James J. Howard, a Member of Congress for nearly a quarter of a century. He also served on the Diocesan Educational Advisory Council of the Diocese of Trenton. He was a communicant of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Long Branch, NJ, and was active in the St. Vincent DePaul Society. He was a Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 58 in Oceanport for 12 years. Jerry was also a member of the Oceanport Senior Citizens, and he served on the Public Employees Relations Commission.

Jerry Regan was a proud patriot who served our country in time of war, and contributed to our national defense throughout his life. An Army veteran of World War II, Jerry had a long and highly decorated career at Fort Monmouth. He was promoted to the highest civilian level in the Department of Defense. He also served with me and several of my Congressional colleagues, past and present, on the Save Our Fort Committee. He was a member of the Oceanport Division of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A great American, Jerry Regan was also a proud son of Ireland. Born in Skibbereen in County Cork, Ireland, Jerry came to the U.S. in 1932. He became an American citizen while serving in Germany with the Army. Throughout his life, Jerry maintained a strong devotion to both his native and his adopted homelands.

On this occasion, I also would like to pay tribute to Jerry's wife Marilyn (Pinky) Regan, who has for many years done an absolutely superb job in my campaign office, and to their two sons and three daughters, all the grandchildren, and to Jerry's other relatives on both sides of the Atlantic. They have much to be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress, we are often called upon to pay tribute to outstanding citizens who are honored for their many achievements, and it is one of the most rewarding parts of our jobs as elected officials. It is even more rewarding when the person

being honored was a respected colleague and a valued friend, like Jerry Regan.

The dedication of the Jeremiah F. Regan Library/Media Center will stand for years to come as a tribute to the public service of an outstanding citizen and community leader. For those of us who were privileged to know him, the memories of Jerry Regan's warmth, humor and genuine decency will be equally enduring.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. HELEN CHENOWETH-HAGE**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2000*

Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE. Mr. Speaker, on March 30, 2000, I missed several rollcall votes on the account that I had unavoidable obligations elsewhere. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 89 (Mr. KASICH's amendment to H.R. 3908), "nay" on rollcall vote 90 (Mr. WELDON's amendment to H.R. 3908), "yea" on rollcall vote 91 (Mr. STEARNS' amendment to H.R. 3908), "yea" on rollcall vote 92 (Mr. PAUL's amendment to H.R. 3908), "yea" on rollcall vote 93 (Mr. TANCREDO's amendment to H.R. 3908), "nay" on rollcall vote 94 (on motion to recommit with instructions), and "nay" on rollcall vote 95 (on passage of H.R. 3908).

ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION  
CERTIFICATION ACT**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2000*

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and my colleagues, Representatives JOHNSON of Connecticut, PORTMAN, MATSUI, and PALLONE to introduce the Organ Procurement Organization Certification Act. This important legislation will improve the process that the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) uses to certify organ procurement organizations (OPOs).

Each day about 57 people receive an organ transplant, but another 13 people on the waiting list die because not enough organs are available. According to the United Network for Organ Sharing, there are now 68,220 patients in the United States on the waiting list for a transplant. April 16 through 22 is National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week. Communities nationwide will be celebrating the critical importance of organ and tissue donation. First designated by Congress in 1983, this week is used to raise awareness of the critical need for organ and tissue donation and to encourage all Americans to share their decision to donate with their families so their wishes can be honored. This is especially important as the gap between the supply of organs and the growing number of transplant candidates continues to widen.

Next week, it is expected that the House will consider legislation dealing with organ allocation—this issue has been very controversial and certainly deserves our attention. But one of the most critical aspects of the organ transplant system gets very little attention. Organ Procurement Organizations—or OPOs—play a